



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor application of:

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For:

Method For Manufacturing Split-Gate
EEPROM Memory Cell and Structure
Formed Thereby

Group Art Unit:
2811

Examiner:
Thien F. Tran

Docket No.:
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PETITION AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
(One Month)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time up to and including March 29, 2004 for the purpose of filing the enclosed Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

It is submitted that only a one month extension of time is required since the Examiner indicated, in the Advisory Action dated March 22, 2004, that the shortened statutory time period for response to the outstanding Final Rejection would be reset to expire on the date of mailing of the Advisory Action, namely, March 22, 2004. Thus, since the present RCE is being filed within one month of March 22, 2004, only a one-month extension of time is required to ensure that the filing of the RCE is timely.

Date: **March 26, 2004**

I hereby certify that this paper, along with any document or paper referred to as being attached, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail under 37 CFR 1.8 in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop AF, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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